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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.: 10/575,904 **Examiner:** Watson, Robert C.

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For: POSITIONING APPARATUS AND CLAMPING SYSTEM

HAVING THE SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 6, 2008

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1-3, 7-11, and 17-19 are finally rejected.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.